

something I continue to insist upon for any trade agreements.

I continue to work to insure that any trade agreement is fair to the American worker and results in a fair deal for our economy, rather than a fast deal. To that end, I support inclusion and expansion of the Trade Assistance Act. American workers laid off as their company moves jobs abroad deserve to be compensated for such action. These workers must be retrained for other jobs. This bill would prohibit free trade agreements without strong, enforceable worker rights and environmental safeguards.

West Virginia workers deserve better trade agreements. The time has come to stop these undemocratic trade agreements. As "The Logan Banner," put it best, it's time our elected leaders put Americans first.

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WHERE WE STAND

The workforce of Logan Manufacturing Company Inc., a local garment manufacturer creating the Sportsmaster brand of apparel got a dose of bad news this past week. They were laid off. Logan Manufacturing is just the latest victim of NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement.

These people lost their jobs because sales dropped off and the company couldn't compete with products from overseas that are made by laborers who are paid next to nothing.

Logan Manufacturing has been here for 39 years. October would have been its 40th year.

Back when the Clinton Administration passed the North American Free Trade Agreement one H. Ross Perot warned of the coming of the "Great Sucking Sound" as American companies would leave our shores in order to cash in on the cheap slave labor south of the border.

Perot warned the deal would cost Americans their jobs. He was right. It only stands to reason that in an agreement where we lower all our tariffs with Mexico (and other countries) to nothing while only reducing theirs 10 percent a year it would be a good deal for them and cause many of us to wind up unemployed.

Logan Manufacturing said the federal government's allowance of imports to be procured for much lower rates than what can be manufactured in the U.S. through programs such as NAFTA, Caribbean Basin Initiative and the African Trade Bill along with the economic downturn following the Sept. 11 attacks was more than they could handle.

When will our elected officials in Washington wake up? Foreign trade deals that boost sales of cheap items made overseas at the expense of hardworking Americans are no deal at all. Thousands of Americans have been unemployed over these bad deals. It is time that our elected leaders put the U.S. first.

TO HONOR CHARLES R. (CHUCK)
HUGGINS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Chuck Huggins for the 30 years of service he has given to the State of Arizona. Chuck will be retiring as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Arizona AFL-CIO in May. He has served the people of Arizona well and his dedication and professionalism will be missed.

Chuck knows the challenges and rewards of being a working man. He started as an Ap-

prentice Electrician in 1964 and soon became a Journeyman Electrician in both the mining and construction industries.

As an active member of Local 518 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, he began showing the skills and instincts necessary for leadership. But, in today's world, he knew that hard work was sometimes not enough. He realized that education was important too. So he continued to educate himself in accounting and business management at Eastern Arizona College and the University of Houston.

Chuck has pioneered innovative programs to help Arizona's workers be better prepared to meet the economic demands of our State. He has initiated training initiatives and re-training programs that have ensured that union members who have fallen behind due to no fault of their own can meet the challenges they may face in new work environments. He has served on the Governor's Workforce Development Committee, and is an active member of his church.

Chuck believes the most effective way to build strong communities is through the organization of strong individuals. He has led the AFL-CIO members through many difficult years, when some believed that Unions were dead and they no longer spoke for the average working American. Chuck proved all this wrong and has shown his fellow Union members that they have a place at the table, they are a force, and they are the strength and backbone of our communities and society.

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that Chuck will be missed by his fellow union members and all working people. But, even more, he will be missed by the people of Arizona. Chuck kept us honest because he was honest. He knew that a hard day's work rendered a hard earned reward. He knew that if you paid the price, you moved ahead. And he showed us all how to pay the price.

Chuck, we all wish you health and happiness and give thanks for your showing us the way.

IN MEMORY OF LENORE DEMANDANTE DOROMAL TUCK

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Lenore D. Tuck of Buies Creek, North Carolina, who died April 7, 2002. In her passing, North Carolina has lost one of its most outstanding citizens and I have lost a friend.

As I began collecting my thoughts about Lenore and what she has meant to my family, and me, I realized how good God has been to me. He has seen fit, in His infinite wisdom, to place me on the same highway of life with some of the most talented, energetic, dedicated, noble human beings it was possible for Him to create. Then He made them my friends. Such a friend was Lenore Tuck. My wife Faye and I are doubly blessed by Lenore's life. Lenore was Faye's teacher at Campbell University and her inspiration. Lenore became her lifelong friend.

Lenore was small of stature. But she was larger than life in the work she did, the friends she made, the causes she served, the good works she left scattered over Harnett County and North Carolina. She met every task with

a smile as broad as the ocean; she fairly jumped with excitement when new work was laid before her. She was a devoted Democrat, the kind of person any candidate for office has to love. Once she is committed to you, there was no turning back, and she never dreamed you would not be successful. She had a way of making you believe in yourself. I have been in Congress now for more than five years. Until recently, Lenore has served in my Lillington office that entire five years. She brought to the job the same efficiency that was characteristic of her. Every telephone call was important; every constituent request necessitated action.

We celebrate a great life lived to the fullest and of great consequence to our community and us. Her passing forces us to ponder the great issues of life and death as we say goodbye to our friend, Lenore. It has always seemed to me that when God puts us on this Earth, it is with the silent admonition that we work to leave the world better than we found it. Certainly, Lenore did so. Both in her home in the Philippines and in her adopted home in North Carolina. She was an uncommon woman who did uncommonly good work. And we were lucky that she walked among us.

A native of the Philippines, Lenore came to the United States in 1953 as a Tandang Sora Scholar. She received a degree in Home Economics from Radford College and a master's degree in nutrition from the University of Tennessee. Later she earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She taught home economics at Campbell University from 1965 until her retirement in 1996.

When she was honored by the Raleigh newspaper, *News & Observer* as "Tar Heel of the Week" in November of 1979, she explained the philosophy that guided her active participation in her adopted community. "It is very important to be a part of the community. I love Buies Creek and would never leave . . . If there is something here that needs to be done, I feel obligated to do it. And if I do it, I'm sure going to try to do it right." The people of Buies Creek would agree with me that Lenore always did it right.

Nearly every existing organization benefiting the community had her support. Where there were unmet needs her organizing skill for meeting those needs was invaluable. In every area of her life, she made strong contributions. She was active in professional organizations: The American Dietetic Association, American Home Economics Association, American Association of University Professors and American Association of University Women. As a registered dietitian, she served as consultant to area hospitals and nursing homes. She helped organize and secure funding for the Harnett County Women, Infant and Children nutrition program.

Her interest in children extended past nutrition. She was a Girl Scout troop leader and a Boy Scout den mother. She was a PTA member and president. As a charter member of Memorial Baptist Church, she provided the skills for establishing and organizing the Stokes Day Care Center, which has provided pre-school and after-school care for hundreds of children. She continued to serve the Center until her death. Her public health concerns included the lack of adequate water and sewer